



## Session 5 – Strengthening the Effectiveness of Partnerships in the context of South-South Cooperation

**Session Objective:** The main objective of this session is to present the Self-Assessment on the Effectiveness of South-South Co-operation (SSC) as a thematic initiative of Partnership's 2023-2026 Work Programme led by Colombia and Indonesia. By convening a multi-stakeholder dialogue, the panel will discuss the complementarity and contribution of SSC to the effectiveness agenda, the challenges facing SSC in the long-term measurement of effectiveness and its contributions to the 2030 agenda.

In an era of intertwined development challenges, at the half-way point of the 2030 Agenda, South-South Co-operation (SSC) contributes to effective ways of working better together, reaffirming its vision as a manifestation of solidarity among peoples. By sharing knowledge, experiences and innovative solutions based on common objectives, Southern development partners are critical to accelerating the realization of the 2030 Agenda.

Horizontality, which is at the heart of SSC among partners from the Global South, is guided by respect for national ownership, equality, non-conditionality, and mutual benefit. SSC is key to fostering knowledge exchanges and the co-creation of sustainable solutions to common development challenges.

In line with BAPA+40's call encouraging country-led systems to evaluate and assess the impact of SSC, the Global Partnership is developing a thematic initiative, co-led by Colombia and Indonesia, focused on implementing the Self-Assessment on the Effectiveness of SSC.

### Guiding questions:

- At the second half of the 2030 Agenda, what is the role and contribution of effective SSC to advance the realization of the SDGs? And what are the main challenges?
- How does your country monitor the sustainability of SSC contributions to development? Do you carry out verifications of installed capacities time after the initiatives have ended?
- What are the interlinkages/complementarities between the effectiveness principles and SSC?
- How can partner countries leverage the findings of the SSC Self-Assessment to provide inputs to policy and national processes at country level, improving the quality and effectiveness of SSC dynamics?
- What 'lessons learnt' on SSC measurement would you like to highlight from the point of view of your organization/country that could be useful for other countries? Do you have a system or instrument for collecting and storing information?